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129th Annual Session

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Important Dates:

Annual Meeting – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Location - TBD

Executive Board Meetings – Carey Baptist Association Office at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25

Tuesday, August 29

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CALL TO ORDER

Welcome
Scripture
Prayer
Adoption of Program/Seating of Messengers
Recognition of New Workers

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report
Budget Committee
Nominating Committee

MINISTRY REPORTS

McNeese Baptist Collegiate Ministry – Blake Grundy
Dry Creek Baptist Camp – Todd Burnaman
SWLA Responds – Braylon Harris

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

WORSHIP

Worship – FBC Sulphur Worship Team
Dennis Watson, Celebration Church

BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

**Carey Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
October 26, 2021**

1. The meeting was called to order by Michael Shamblin, Moderator, at 6:35 PM. Prayer requests were taken, and Michael Shamblin opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Registration – a total of 23 members were present with 19 organizations represented.
3. Financial Reports
 - a. Bruce Baker presented the balance sheets and expense reports for 2020 and 2021. He stated that there is a mistake on the expense reports and that he will send a new report out via email. A mistake was made in the accounting which shows the revenue (income) is understated. There was then a time of question and answer about the financial statements.
4. Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the August 2019 Executive Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting from October 2019 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lonnie Gothrup and a second by Alan Weishampel. The minutes were approved as presented.
5. Director of Missions Report
 - a. Just over a million dollars came in for Disaster Relief that has come in from various sources which has gone to help pastors, churches, and to help families in the area that were not insured.
 - b. The air conditioner in the front office is going out. The replacement is in the \$13,000 range and we have only been able to get one quote on replacing it. Bruce Baker made a motion to let the administrative committee handle finding other bids and replacing the air conditioner. Johnny Dammon made a motion with a second from Monte Rowse. The motion passed.
 - c. We need a warehouse to house Disaster Relief supplies and equipment. FBC Sulphur looks to be a great place for that. Bruce Baker made a motion to authorize the administrative committee to handle the logistics of developing a warehouse to store Disaster Relief equipment and supplies. Monte Rowse made a motion with a second from Braylon Harris. The motion passed.
 - d. Lonnie Gothrup asked Bruce Baker for a hard date on when the corrected financial statement will be provided. Baker responded that it will be emailed out within 30 days.
6. Ministry Reports
 - a. BCM
 - i. Blake Grundy spoke about the challenges the BCM has faced in the past year and about how the ministry is still reaching the McNeese campus.
 - ii. Building update - The building had to be gutted following Hurricane Laura. They were able to have the first worship service back in the building on August 6. Various churches in the area helped to host events for the BCM while the building was under construction. The building is mostly complete and is being used for campus ministry but should be completed by December.
 - iii. Ministry update – Fall of 2020 was focused on students doing Disaster Relief projects where they had many students and new students come to help. Since being back in the building, they have about 50 students in small group Bible study each week and many new faces at the BCM with many students receiving Christ.

- iv. Campus life is down about 20% in students. Many students are doing online classes or hybrid of online/in person. Blake asked for prayer as they continue ministry on campus.
- b. Dry Creek
 - i. Ethan Bossier presented a report about the camp.
 - ii. The pandemic brought the camp to a halt, and they were unable to host camp in 2020. When Hurricane Laura hit, it damaged every building at the camp to some extent. The White House, the adult conference center, burnt down in January. Volunteers have been coming to help clean up the camp and remodel buildings. God has sustained the camp and has been faithful through it all.
 - iii. Income is low and down to almost nothing; however, charitable giving has been keeping the staff paid. Request – Pray for the staff as they continue to minister. He also requests that you send guests to utilize the camp by renting the ropes course, hosting retreats there, etc.
- c. Disaster Relief
 - i. Reggy Saxon gave a report about what is happening in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. It's been a busy 2 years.
 - ii. Gibbie McMillian retired at the end of May and passed away in July from COVID. Stan Statham is the new Disaster Relief Director for the state.
 - iii. God has been faithful in providing money and resources to help continue the work. DR Crews did COVID feeding and were the first in the state to do that. Almost 250 people received salvation because of disaster relief crews witnessing while on the job site.
 - iv. Carey Baptist Association and Louisiana Baptist partnered to purchase a new skid steer. There have been many donations of equipment that has helped crews continue work.
 - v. Crews are still working on St. Matthew Baptist Church in the Bahamas. One crew just got back from a trip where floor tile was laid. The building is getting close to being finished.
 - vi. Since Hurricane Ida hit, crews have been working in SELA. Many trips have been made to bring supplies to churches there. Trinity has teamed up with a church in Laplace to help them recover and Reggy encouraged pastors to find a church in SELA to team up with to help them recover.
 - vii. Request – They are in need of a prayer group to pray when teams go out on these trips. They also need more chaplains to step up in the area.
- d. SWLA Responds
 - i. Braylon Harris gave a report about the partnership of SWLA Responds and Carey Baptist Association.
 - ii. SWLA Responds is a huge effort of 45 multi-denomination churches to help rebuild SWLA. Many churches in the CBA have hosted volunteer groups throughout the past year. FBC Westlake is allowing their warehouse to be used to store tools and supplies. Their funding has come in from many different sources, but he thanked CBA who has helped those funds to flow in.
 - iii. Reggy Saxon has been sharing supplies to help restore SWLA. SWLA Responds purchased a Sandmaster 20 through a donating partner and was able to attach it to

the new CBA skid steer to help many people in the community before the flooding.

7. New Business

- a. Motion from Lonnie Gothrup: I move the Administrative Committee work with the Director of Missions to produce a monthly financial statement to be sent to members of the Executive Committee on a monthly basis starting in year 2022. The first statement should be sent in February for the month of January 2022.
- b. A second was made by Charles Hugonin.
- c. His reason for the motion is that he never wants this office to be accused of using money wrongly and it will add a layer of accountability given the large amount of money that we are now dealing with.
- d. There was a discussion about the motion and the motion was approved as presented.

8. Closing Discussion

- a. A discussion about Bruce Baker needing to take some of his vacation time to relax after the year we have had with Hurricanes and COVID. Bruce agreed to take some vacation time.
- b. Johnny Dammon, FBC Lake Charles, thanked East Ridge Baptist Church and University Baptist Church for allowing the use of their buildings since the hurricane.
- c. Jered Thomas made a motion to adjourn. A second was made Charles Hugonin.
- d. Braylon Harris closed the meeting in prayer.

Carey Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022

1. Michael Shamblin, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There were 18 people in attendance.
2. The minutes from the October 26, 2021, Board Meeting were presented. With a motion from Andy Buckley and a second from Clyde Lewis, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Braylon Harris presented our financial report, expense reports, and balance sheets. Also included was a letter from the Brent Cating of Cating accounting stating that the accounts have been reconciled.
 - b. Giving to Carey from our churches has been lower since the pandemic and hurricanes. If improvement isn't seen by annual meeting, we will need to plan to make address the finances.
 - c. We had many donations given to our designated funds that were able to be used for helping pastors, churches, and general Disaster Relief needs.
 - d. A motion was made by Michael Linton, followed by a second from Barry Thomas. The financial reports were approved as presented.
4. Ministry Reports
 - a. McNeese BCM
 - i. Blake Grundy, BCM Director, reported that the BCM building is back fully functional. However, campus has not been as active. The BCM has been able to host many events for campus such as McNeese's blue and gold pageant. This summer they will be hosting the parents of all incoming freshman during cowboy camp.
 - ii. The number of students seen at lunch is growing and there are around 20 people serving on the leadership team. There are 14 students who plan to do missions this summer.
 - iii. Around 40 students and leaders went on spring retreat, and they have seen around 13 people accept the Lord and more baptized in our local churches in the last few months.
 - iv. BCM Banquet raised \$46,000 for the associate director salary!
 - v. BCM Needs: Bibles in a few different languages: Spanish, Poly, Mandarin. Continue to pray for students and campus as campus needs to come back to life and facilities to reopen.
 - b. Dry Creek Baptist Camp
 - i. Aaron Watkins, Program Director, gave us an update on the camp. Camp life in spring is starting to get back to normal except for the lack of adult sleeping quarters due to the white house burning down. They have been able to have several spring camps such as the Mother/Daughter Conference, Father/Son Camp-Out, Easter Camps, etc.
 - ii. Charitable giving is keeping the staff paid. Continue to pray and to send campers. They are still looking for a few college-age male summer staffers. Summer camp numbers are starting to look like pre-covid numbers again!

- iii. They have some plans to rebuild the White house and are hoping to pour the slab at the end of the summer for 4 smaller buildings. Three buildings to be used for beds and one building for meetings.
- iv. It has been a great year for volunteers, and they have been able to remodel the dining hall this past winter. They also had a crew come into finish cleaning up the fallen trees from the hurricane.

5. Director's Report

- a. Dr. Baker spoke about the importance of the ministries such as the BCM and Dry Creek, as well as disaster relief and how it is vital to showing people the love of Christ and sharing the gospel with people in our area.
- b. We need to take steps towards recovery as an association. Our committees need to be re-elected, our finances need some recovery, we need more opportunities for fellowship, and churches need to continue ministry.

6. New Business

- a. A motion from Lonnie Gothrup – “Upon the request of the Admin Committee, I move that the production of monthly financial statement requested and approved at the last associational meeting be changed to a quarterly financial statement available to churches.” Andy Buckley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved as presented.
- b. Andy Buckley presented the idea to form a communications volunteer team to restart the monthly newsletter to be mailed to the pastors monthly. He is willing to head it up to get it restarted.

7. Prayer Requests were taken with a special focus on churches who are still in the rebuild process:

- a. Barry Thomas – New Shiloh
- b. Braylon Harris – Mt. Olive
- c. Clyde Lewis – Bethel Metro
- d. Michael Shamblin - Emmanuel
- e. Johnny Dammon – FBC LC
- f. Michael Linton – FBC Sulphur

8. Aaron Watkins closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Carey Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022

- Michael Shamblin, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Andy Buckley led in prayer. There were 29 people in attendance.
- The minutes from the Executive Board Meeting on April 26, 2022, were presented. With a motion from Bob Jones and a second from Johnny Dammon, the minutes were approved as presented.
- Director's Report
 - Bruce Baker, Director, presented a strategy to improve our financial situation.
 - We have been spending more than we have been bringing in due to reduced church gifts following the pandemic and hurricanes. We need to stay focused on doing the mission of assisting pastors and churches, while being wise with spending.
 - Areas for consideration to accomplish this are to reduce spending, to increase giving from churches, and to increase revenue from other sources. Our primary solution going forward will be in opening the thrift store to provide revenue from non-church sources.
 - Baker presented three motions from the Administrative Committee for how to increase revenue, followed by a time of discussion among the board member present.
 - **Motion #1:** Open Grace Ministries Thrift Store at Mt. Olive. Mt. Olive would use FEMA funds to rebuild a damaged building, which would then be donated to Carey to be used for the thrift store. This would also pay off the debt Mt. Olive owes to Carey for the 3007 Enterprise property.
 - After discussion among the Executive Board, the administrative committee made a motion to withdraw the motion to trade property with Mt. Olive and open Grace Ministry Thrift Store at this time.
 - **Motion #2:** New Shiloh pays off their building debt by paying \$175,000 plus provide labor and materials for the concrete foundation for the new Disaster Relief warehouse.
 - Jeremy Blocker, FBC Maplewood, made a motion to amend the motion about the New Shiloh. He made a proposal to accept the payment of \$175,000 plus labor and material to complete the DR building as full payment for the property at 600 N. Simmons.
 - The motion had a second from David Ernest, FBC DeQuincy.
 - The motion was approved with the amendment.
 - **Motion #3:** List our office located at 1701 W. Prien Lake Rd. for sale.
 - Roland Hebert made a motion to proceed with listing the property for sale with a second from Andy Buckley. The board agreed that we should not accept an offer for less than \$1 million.
 - The motion was approved.
- Ministry Reports
 - Dry Creek Baptist Camp
 - Meghan Bailey gave an update about the great things happening around the camp. They had a wonderful summer full of camps resulting in 87 decisions made!

- The camp will soon start building dog trot houses to replace the White House. This will give several smaller buildings to be used instead of the one large white house for conferences.
 - Upcoming events at the camp include a See You at the Pole Rally and Celebration at the Cross, which will take place around Mardi Gras.
 - They are currently looking for summer staff for next summer.
 - McNeese BCM
 - Keith Cating, former McNeese BCM Director, gave a report on the BCM for Blake Grundy.
 - The BCM is getting back to pre-hurricane numbers for lunch and worship.
 - Freshman events are going strong this week. The BCM is currently hosting a large Freshman event this evening, which is why Blake could not be here tonight.
 - Keith asked that we pray for the BCM and staff as they are beginning the new school year.
- Financial Report
 - Jered Thomas presented our financial report. He states that we do not have a spending problem, it is an income problem, as giving from churches is down.
 - He presented the proposed budget for 2023. There are several expenditures being removed for next year but adding in a dedicated amount to Dry Creek Baptist Camp.
 - Bob Jones made a motion to approve the proposed budget, with a second from John Astling. The motion was to adopt the budget as presented and send to the annual meeting was approved.
- Prayer requests were taken and David Ernest, FBC DeQuincy, closed the meeting in prayer.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Dr. Bruce L. Baker

The churches that make up Carey Baptist Association have faced adversity during the last few years. National and local disasters have made doing church and ministry even more challenging. While these events brought unusual demands, they also presented new opportunities.

These crises have impacted our joint efforts financially. The decline in receipts to Carey Association reflect the decline in giving to our churches. The Executive Board reviewed our finances at our last meeting and adopted a flexible plan of action to both prioritize ministry and maintain wise stewardship in the years ahead.

Carey Association enjoyed a budget surplus for many years prior to the pandemic and hurricanes in 2020. This surplus has carried us through spending deficits in 2020-2022.

Our member churches maintained their commitment to our mission despite multiple hurricanes, a pandemic, a flood, and a freeze. Our mission is to strengthen churches and ministries while supporting pastors in their leadership, but the Bible also instructs us to think clearly and act wisely about our financial resources and steward those resources for the Kingdom of God.

As we seek to balance our missionary purpose and fiscal responsibility, there are three major areas for consideration in dealing with our current budget shortfall.

1. Reduce Spending

Over the last nine years we have taken multiple steps to reduce spending. We reduced the office support position from full-time to part-time and there have been no salary increases in the last 5 years. We will continue to seek ways to reduce costs and spending for Carey Association.

However, it does not seem prudent to anticipate any further major reductions in expenses over the next 3-5 years. Essential spending on insurance, utilities, and the cost of basic operating supplies have risen sharply. Carey staff will work hard to maximize efficiency and effectiveness with our funds.

2. Increase Giving from Churches

Serving churches since the pandemic has been a different kind of ministry. Discussions about assisting churches with how to broadcast services over FM to members in the parking lot, how to secure masks and Covid supplies, and how to interpret state and CDC guidelines were new territory. On the heels of the pandemic came multiple natural disasters and churches were dealing with emergency support for the community, insurance claims, and legal questions.

Additionally, the decrease in giving to Carey is a direct result of decreased giving to local churches. Unfortunately, this matches a national trend for the past few decades, as well as what churches are reporting since the pandemic.

The wisest course seems to be remaining focused on strengthening churches. As churches grow stronger their giving will, hopefully, increase and flow to Carey as well. A direct fund-raising appeal to churches does not seem likely to succeed and does not seem in keeping with our mission.

3. Increase Revenue for Other Sources

In my first year with Carey, I shared the vision of a local thrift store to provide evangelistic compassion ministry and financial support for the Carey budget. In 2019, we approved this plan. Sadly, the pandemic and hurricanes struck before we could get the store open.

There are over a dozen associations in Louisiana that have opened thrift stores for ministry purposes. Our best estimate is that our store should generate \$30,000 to \$50,000 in net financial support for Carey, and it could be as much as \$150,000 per year. By comparison, the largest store in the state generates over three hundred thousand dollars per year.

We may prudently conclude that while reductions in expenses and dramatic increases in church giving are unlikely, moving forward with our plan for the thrift store will likely eliminate the deficit spending within three years.

Additionally, we should take this opportunity to reallocate some of our assets. The Executive Board approved a plan to sell our property at 1701 W Prien Lake Rd. Associational leaders have long recognized that the financial value of this property far exceeds its utility for ministry. We had an offer for \$700,000 in 2018 but several leaders felt we should hold out for \$1,000,000. Once again, the Executive Board determined that we should set a minimum threshold of \$1,000,000 for a sale. The leadership of Carey Baptist Association remains committed to our Kingdom purposes.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Michael P. Shamblin, Moderator

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the Moderator of the Carey Baptist Association for the past couple of years! And have we ever experienced some crazy times?! We had COVID-19, hurricanes, snowstorms, local floods, and tornados. However, God has proven Himself faithful to us all, in and through it all! May we be found as faithful to Him as He is to us!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We have had the pleasure of awarding scholarships to several students at Louisiana Christian University (formally Louisiana College) since we last published a Scholarship Committee Report. Below details the amounts each student was able to receive through the Carey Baptist Association.

- Fall 2020 - \$333.33 to each Emma Hixson, Hannah Bruce, Carolynn Dishong.
- Spring 2021 - \$250 to each Emma Hixson, Hannah Bruce, Carolynn Dishong, Gabrielle Daigle
- Fall 2021 - \$500 to each Hannah Bruce and Gabrielle Daigle
- Spring 2022 - \$500 to each Hannah Bruce and Gabrielle Daigle
- Fall 2022 - \$500 to Gabrielle Daigle

MCNEESE BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Blake Grundy, Director
Alexis Hebert, Associate Director
Sofia Vaughn, Campus Missionary

The fall of 2021 to the spring of 2022 have been an exciting time filled with recovery and continuous growth. It was incredible to see the excitement in our students as they began their first semester back with a sense of normalcy. At the beginning of the fall semester, we began our freshman family bible study groups. These groups provided an avenue to encourage the freshman class, plug them into our ministry, and most importantly plug them in to the local church. Barely into our semester, disaster struck Southeast Louisiana when hurricane Ida made landfall. Over the Labor Day weekend we offered our help to those who extended their helping hands to us the year before. We were able to take 20 students to help with clean up in Hammond/Slidell area.

This past year we were able to take several mission trips that gave students the chance to serve. During fall break we took 38 students to Vivian, Louisiana to serve at the Lighthouse ministry. This trip also included intentional retreat time where the students enjoyed getting to know each other more and strengthening our community. We also took teams to New York and Costa Rica and have begun planning our next trip to Mexico this December! Even though our numbers were not fully back from the hurricane, we still saw God call the same amount or more summer missionaries out of our group. In total we had 22 students serving over the summer. We had students serve in different capacities, both overseas and right here at home. We loved watching our students live out the Great Commission: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20.

We were able to see God's work in our ministry as new students started to become involved and come to know the Lord. One way that students are able to get more involved in our ministry is through joining our leadership team. The interview process has brought several students to faith in Jesus and to taking the next step in believers' baptism. We had 15 students baptized in total last year! We are blessed to see God move in the lives of the students at McNeese and are truly grateful to have the opportunities to serve them in capacities such as free lunch on Mondays and at different activities and events throughout the semester.

Thank you for your continued support of the McNeese BCM both financially and prayerfully. Our ministry could not reach the students on campus if it wasn't for your support. We would love to see you at the BCM if there is ever a time you would like to visit!

SBC DISASTER RELIEF

Reggy Saxon, Louisiana Region 5 Coordinator

It has been another busy season as Southwest Louisiana (Region #5) volunteers have been asked to respond to many Natural Disasters, and/or support rebuild efforts, from SWLA, to Grand Bahamas.

Disasters our teams have responded to include:

- Hurricane Ida (Louisiana):
 - Chainsaw teams to Walker, Denham Springs areas multiple deployments. We also provided Incident Command support for Denham Springs, Alexandria LA.
 - Laundry unit deployed to Kentwood La. (3 weeks)
 - Skid steer deployed to Houma, La. (2 weeks)
 - Multiple loads of food and supplies were loaded and transported from Alexandria to Golden Meadows, Houma, and Morgan City over 3-4 weeks period.
- Hurricane Laura (Louisiana):
 - Cleanup and rebuild efforts are still ongoing in the Lake Charles area.
 - DR Chainsaw jobs are still ongoing as local timber either leftover from the storm or continuing to die from damage inflicted by the storm.
 - Our local team worked the SBCDR and served over 1,000,000 meals through Trinity BC, FBC Moss Bluff, and FBC Maplewood.
 - Teams performed over 2400 jobs for local families.
 - Maintained local supply distribution of supplies at FBC Sulphur, Mount Pilgrim BC, and Mount Olive BC.
 - Helped launch Operation Hope which became SWLA Responds Partnership.
- Hurricane Ian (Florida):
 - Our local volunteers are continuing cleanup efforts in Naples Florida. Louisiana State DR are currently sharing Incident Command with Texas Baptist Men.
 - Mass Feeding is continuing with over 60,000 meals served to date, and ongoing feeding of approximately 7,400 meals per day.
 - Local volunteers have provided IC operations support, assessment teams, mud out teams, and laundry and shower support.
 - Deployed our one-ton truck, mud out trailer, and laundry units.
- Bahamas Rebuild - St. Matthew's Baptist Church, East Grand Bahamas
 - Several local volunteers were involved in the design and rebuild efforts.
 - Our local group headed up Permits, new roof design, material procurement, and construction labor, for the project.
 - In addition, several of our local volunteers participated in multiple trips to the Bahamas over the past two years.
- Local tornadoes (Louisiana)
 - SWLA Volunteers have supported our communities over the past year responding to several local tornadoes, and straight-line wind events.
 - Deployment including chainsaw trailers, and skid steer, as well as laundry trailer, have been utilized to provide assistance.

SWLA RESPONDS

Braylon Harris, Coalition Coordinator

As the long-term recovery of Southwest Louisiana continues, it is essential that we at SWLA Responds pause to acknowledge what an imperative partner the Carey Baptist Association has been to our efforts to SEEK, SERVE, and SAVE those struggling to recover in Southwest Louisiana.

In the last year, a unique coalition of responding organizations has unified to ensure we are serving in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Other partners of this effort include the Fuller Center for Disaster Relief, Mennonite Disaster Services, SWLA Responds, SBP, and more!

Dr. Bruce Baker has not only served as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of SWLA Responds, but also as the Chair of the Long-Term Recovery Committee of SWLA. His leadership has proven integral to what is widely acknowledged as a historic non-profit recovery effort.

Together, our partnering organizations have raised over 1 million dollars, hosted more than 3,000 volunteers, just under 100,000 volunteer hours, and nearly 200 hundred homes resulting in a multi-million-dollar impact for the most vulnerable families affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

And we are not done yet!

For our 2022 fall phase, we are honored to have incredible volunteer commitment. This commitment includes hundreds of incredibly skilled Amish carpenters and thousands of additional volunteers through one of our national partners called 8 Days of Hope. Due to this astonishing level of volunteerism in the second year of recovery, we have set the reasonably ambitious goal of completing over 300 repairs - including 50 new roofs and 12 completely new home builds for those in need throughout our community.

In closing, I would be remiss to only speak of the association's role in hosting and helping our efforts if I was not to mention the tireless efforts of Sara Drott - the Carey Association's Communication Director. She has worked side by side with our staff in whatever capacities were needed as a volunteer to ensure as many families as possible were served with diligence and dignity.

Space and time limit my ability to exhaustively describe the immeasurable contributions that the Carey Association has made to the recovery of Southwest Louisiana, but on behalf of SWLA Responds, all of our partners, and all those who have been helped, thank you for being the tireless hands and feet of Jesus in this season.

ABC PREGNANCY CENTER

Becky Girola, Director

So far for 2022, ABC has provided the following free services:

- 496 Pregnancy Test
- 245 Ultrasounds
- 50 moms participating every week in Parenting Classes receiving baby supplies
- 20 moms enrolled at Sowela
- 56 Medicaid sign ups
- 10 Embrace Grace moms
- 14 Professions of Faith

ABC is a place of compassion for women in our community seeking hope. We offer practical pregnancy support and spiritual guidance even after the babies are born. Women are referred to us from all over the community because we are known for the compassion we provide.

Currently, ABC Pregnancy is experiencing tremendous growth and excited about expanding to a larger facility. In December 2021, ABC purchased the Ford Street Baptist Mission church from FBC-Lake Charles. This church building is 3 times the size of the current ABC center and will allow ABC to host more moms and babies for parenting, training and discipleship classes. It is also located in the heart of Lake Charles where many ABC mamas reside, making our services more accessible. The church does need to be renovated from a church to a pregnancy center, so ABC is currently working with volunteers and local professionals to get the building up and running. The hope is to move into the new space in 2023.

With the overturn of Roe V. Wade in June, ABC anticipates client care services to increase tremendously, making this new space even more of a necessity. While abortion is illegal in the state of Louisiana, the abortion pill is still being sold on the black market and is very difficult to regulate. For this reason, ABC is working overtime to educate young women about the dangers of aborting at home with illegal pills purchased online. We need continued prayers as the fight for LIFE is not over. We must work diligently to build a culture of life in SWLA where every life, both born and unborn matter. Christians have always been on the frontline of this mission, and we won't stop now. We need every church on board praying, serving, and giving, especially churches that can be a church home to our vulnerable mothers. Many pregnant women feel too ashamed to go to church. We must change that and EMBRACE them with the love of Christ. ABC has an incredible program for church partners called Embrace Grace and our goal is to get every church in the city on board!

For more information, contact Becky Girola at 337-433-2797 or email at abcpregnancycenter@yahoo.com
You can also like ABC's Facebook page and visit their website <http://www.abcpnc.com>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet
October 19, 2022

	<u>Oct 19, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets Checking/Savings	
1000 · Checking Account - Capital One	614,727.04
1700 · LA Baptist Foundation Account	137,029.33
Total Checking/Savings	<hr/> 751,756.37 <hr/>
Total Current Assets	751,756.37
Fixed Assets	264,000.00
Other Assets	
3000 · Note Recvble - 3007 Enterprise	550,000.00
Total Other Assets	<hr/> 550,000.00 <hr/>
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 1,565,756.37 <hr/>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	4,895.14
Other Current Liabilities	1,299.98
Total Current Liabilities	<hr/> 6,195.12 <hr/>
Total Liabilities	6,195.12
Equity	
1110 · RESTRICTED FUNDS	
10051 · Desgnd - Blvd Mnstry Cent Fund	1,232.31
10052 · Dsgnd - Block Party Traile Fund	9,357.62
10054 · Disaster Relief Fund	219,073.13
10055 · Director's HSA Fund	4,000.00
10056 · Assoc. Missions Offering Fund	50,754.74
10057 · Marketing Fund	-59.97
10058 · Office Equipment Fund	-478.76
10059 · PRC Fund	-494.71
10060 · Seafarer's Bibles & Benev Fund	923.35
10064 · Special Ministries Fund	119,429.24
Total 1110 · RESTRICTED FUNDS	<hr/> 403,736.95 <hr/>
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	-1,732.52
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	690,001.92
8000 · Fund Principal	461,598.49
Net Income	<hr/> 5,956.41 <hr/>
Total Equity	<hr/> 1,559,561.25 <hr/>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<hr/> 1,565,756.37 <hr/>

PROFIT & LOSS
January through December 2020

	<u>Oct - Dec 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · REVENUES	
4020 · Churches - Carey	31,383.46
4040 · Churches - Grace	<u>2,587.61</u>
Total 4000 · REVENUES	33,971.07
Expense	
5000 · ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	
5005 · Church Planting	42.26
5006 · Church Revitalization	24.00
5406 · McNeese BCM	<u>7,800.00</u>
Total 5000 · ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	7,866.26
5200 · CAREY OFFICE	
5211 · Accounting services	750.00
5214 · Office Expense	1,962.72
5216 · Utilities	946.78
5218 · Telephone	457.72
5220 · Insurance Exp	1,890.28
5224 · Office Equipment Expense	110.18
5520 · Maintenance & Upkeep	<u>1,777.98</u>
Total 5200 · CAREY OFFICE	7,895.66
5600 · ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL	
5625 · Director of Missions	
5650 · Director Salary	14,813.75
5651 · FICA/Medi Offset	1,794.31
5652 · Housing	<u>9,228.87</u>
Total 5625 · Director of Missions	25,836.93
5655 · Secretary	
5660 · Office Personnel	<u>4,587.00</u>
5675 · Other Personnel	
5654 · Retirement	2,000.73
5656 · Medical Insurance	8,125.71
5658 · Ministry Exp Reimbursement	1,228.48
5682 · Staff Christmas Bonus	1,500.00
5684 · FICA Employer's Portion	293.60
5685 · Medicare Emp. Portion	68.66
66000 · Payroll Expenses	<u>148.50</u>
Total 5675 · Other Personnel	<u>13,365.68</u>
Total 5600 · ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL	43,789.61
5690 · Misc	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>59,551.53</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-25,580.46
Other Income/Expense	
99999 · Interest/Dividends	<u>2,143.59</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-23,436.87</u></u>

PROFIT & LOSS
January through December 2021

Jan - Dec 21

Ordinary Income/Expense Income	
4000 · REVENUES	
4020 · Churches - Carey	166,108.08
4040 · Churches - Grace	8,197.20
Total 4000 · REVENUES	174,305.28
Total Income	174,305.28
Gross Profit	174,305.28
Expense	
5000 · ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	
5005 · Church Planting	95.59
5404 · LA College Scholarship	2,000.00
5406 · McNeese BCM	31,200.00
Total 5000 · ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	33,295.59
5200 · CAREY OFFICE	
5211 · Accounting services	2,800.00
5214 · Office Expense	6,541.55
5216 · Utilities	5,169.66
5218 · Telephone	3,133.22
5220 · Insurance Exp	9,537.94
5224 · Office Equipment Expense	550.99
5520 · Maintenance & Upkeep	4,842.93
Total 5200 · CAREY OFFICE	32,576.29
5600 · ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL	
5625 · Director of Missions	
5650 · Director Salary	50,790.00
5651 · FICA/Medi Offset	6,151.92
5652 · Housing	31,641.84
Total 5625 · Director of Missions	88,583.76
5655 · Secretary	
5660 · Office Personnel	23,974.50
Total 5655 · Secretary	23,974.50
5675 · Other Personnel	
5654 · Retirement	8,002.92
5656 · Medical Insurance	14,576.80
5658 · Ministry Exp Reimbursement	2,898.30
5682 · Staff Christmas Bonus	500.00
5684 · FICA Employer's Portion	1,486.42
5685 · Medicare Emp. Portion	347.63
66000 · Payroll Expenses	33.60
Total 5675 · Other Personnel	27,845.67
Total 5600 · ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL	140,403.93
Total Expense	206,275.81
Net Ordinary Income	-31,970.53
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
99999 · Interest/Dividends	1,448.93
Total Other Income	1,448.93
Net Other Income	1,448.93
Net Income	-30,521.60

PROFIT & LOSS
January through September 2022

Jan - Sep 22

Ordinary Income/Expense Income	
4000 · REVENUES	
4020 · Churches - Carey	121,156.79
4025 · Other Receipts - Carey	30,000.00
4040 · Churches - Grace	6,397.96
Total 4000 · REVENUES	157,554.75
Total Income	157,554.75
Gross Profit	157,554.75
Expense	
5000 · ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	
5005 · Church Planting	335.89
5404 · LA College Scholarship	1,500.00
5406 · McNeese BCM	20,800.00
Total 5000 · ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	22,635.89
5200 · CAREY OFFICE	
5211 · Accounting services	2,300.00
5214 · Office Expense	4,963.42
5216 · Utilities	4,665.04
5218 · Telephone	3,017.71
5220 · Insurance Exp	3,688.96
5520 · Maintenance & Upkeep	4,285.00
5200 · CAREY OFFICE - Other	31.32
Total 5200 · CAREY OFFICE	22,951.45
5600 · ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL	
5625 · Director of Missions	
5650 · Director Salary	38,092.50
5651 · FICA/Medi Offset	4,613.94
5652 · Housing	23,731.38
Total 5625 · Director of Missions	66,437.82
5655 · Secretary	
5660 · Office Personnel	16,863.00
Total 5655 · Secretary	16,863.00
5675 · Other Personnel	
5654 · Retirement	6,002.19
5656 · Medical Insurance	8,265.92
5658 · Ministry Exp Reimbursement	2,608.47
5684 · FICA Employer's Portion	1,045.51
5685 · Medicare Emp. Portion	244.51
66000 · Payroll Expenses	0.00
Total 5675 · Other Personnel	18,166.60
Total 5600 · ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL	101,467.42
Total Expense	147,054.76
Net Ordinary Income	10,499.99
Net Income	10,499.99

2023 BUDGET – CAREY ASSOCIATION

Accounts	2020	2023	Change
Revenues			
Carey Budget Receipts			
4020 - Churches - Carey	\$ 225,000	\$ 180,000	\$(45,000)
4025 - Other Receipts - Carey	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Total Carey Budget Receipts	\$ 226,000	\$ 181,000	\$(45,000)
Expenses			
Association Ministries			
5004 - Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ (1,500)
5005 - Church Planting	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
5006 - Church Revitalization	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
5007 - Compassion Ministries	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
5404 - LA College Scholarship	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)
5406 - McNeese BCM	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,200	\$ -
5416 - Seafarer's Min. Supplies	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ (750)
5417 - Dry Creek Camp	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Total Association Ministries	\$ 38,450	\$ 33,600	\$ (4,850)
Office			
5213 - Contract Accounting	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
5214 - Office Expense	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
5216 - Utilities	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -
5218 - Telephone	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
5220 - Insurance	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
5224 - Office Equipment	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
5226 - Office Equipment Maint.	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
5520 - Maintenance & Upkeep	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Total Office	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500	\$ -
Association Personnel			
Director of Missions			
5650 - Salary	\$ 50,790	\$ 50,790	\$ -
5651 - FICA/Medi Offset	\$ 6,152	\$ 6,152	\$ -
5656 - Insurance	\$ 14,860	\$ 14,860	\$ -
Total Director of Missions	\$ 71,802	\$ 71,802	\$ -
Office Personnel			
5660 - Salary	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,001	\$ 1
Other			
5652 - Housing	\$ 31,642	\$ 31,642	\$ -
5654 - Retirement	\$ 8,003	\$ 8,003	\$ -
5658 - Ministry Exp Reimbursement	\$ 3,478	\$ 3,478	\$ -
5682 - Staff Christmas Bonus	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
5684 - FICA Employer's Portion	\$ 2,214	\$ 2,214	\$ -
5685 - Medicare Emp. Portion	\$ 508	\$ 508	\$ -
Total Other	\$ 47,345	\$ 47,345	\$ -
Total Association Personnel	\$ 146,147	\$ 146,148	\$ 1
Total	\$ 218,097	\$ 213,248	\$ (4,849)
over/under	\$ 7,903	\$ (32,248)	\$(40,151)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2022-2023

Moderator – Jered Thomas
Vice-Moderator – Lamar Huffman
Clerk – Sara Drott
Treasurer – Toby Osburn
VBS Director – Laurie Bourque

ADMIN COMMITTEE

Moderator – Jered Thomas
Vice-Moderator – Lamar Huffman
Budget Com. Chair – Toby Osburn
Missions/Min Chair – Braylon Harris
Ex. Board Member – George McInnis
Ex. Board Member – Orelia Kemper
Ex. Board Member – Paul Pettefer

BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 yrs. Toby Osburn
2 yr. Lonnie Gothrup
1 yr. Roland Hebert

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 yrs. Gil Broussard
2 yr. John Astling
1 yr. Richard Louviere

DRY CREEK TRUSTEES

4 yrs. Brent Cating
4 yrs. Glenn George
3 yrs. Paula Clemmons
3 yrs. Darrel Hieronymus
2 yrs. Jeremy Blocker
2 yrs. Roland Hebert
1 yr. Jered Thomas
1 yr. Sean Booth

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

3 yrs. Alan Weishampel
2 yr. Charles Hugonin
1 yr. -

BCM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4 yrs. Mary LaCombe
3 yrs. Andy Buckley
3 yrs. Keith Cating
3 yrs. Seth Cooley
3 yrs. Nathan Yates
2 yrs. Tim Croxdale
2 yrs. Karen Spencer
1 yr. Monte Rowse
1 yr. Andrew Willis

MISSIONS & MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

3 yrs. Braylon Harris
3 yrs. Johnny Dammon
2 yr. David Ernest
2 yr. EJ Kemper
1 yr. Michael Linton
1 yr. David Brewer

2022 ACP SUMMARY

Congregation	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	SS Avg. Attendance	Total Receipts
Antioch, Vinton								
Bellview, Westlake	410	342	0	1	47	75	35	\$191,045
Bethel Metropolitan, LC	30	30	2	2	15	10	10	
Bethel Ministries, Jennings	600	600	68	38	410	181	181	\$750,000
Calcasieu Bethany, LC								
Calvary, LLC								
Cameron First	499	54	0	0	20	0	0	
Carlyss First, Sulphur	95	85	1	0	40	0	0	\$103,346
Central, Sulphur	7	7	0	0	8	5	5	
Choupique, Sulphur	204	163	0	0	55	0	0	\$170,899
Cornerstone, Jennings	80	52	0	1	31	30	18	\$73,761
Crossroads, Vinton								
DeQuincy First	639	410	4	6	150	269	65	\$401,359
East Ridge, LC	652	545	8	9	150	105	67	\$642,257
Elton First	60	55	0	0	40	20	20	\$72,694
Emmanuel, LC	120	85	0	1	37	30	15	\$115,244
Emmanuel, Vinton								
Evergreen Missionary, LC								
Fenton, Fenton	45	38	2	0	30	0	0	\$40,000
First Sulphur	1,159	973	9	4	105	0	73	\$687,460
Gillis First	683	633	7	1	80	165	94	\$429,839
Grand Lake Community	58	50	0	2	35	20	0	
Hackberry First	380	200	8	5	82	57	49	\$186,654
Hayes First	100	90	3	0	35	0	0	\$172,000
Historic St. Paul, Kinder								
Holy Nation, LC	48	43	5	0	30	18	18	\$15,431
Houston River, Sulphur	1,417	650	12	0	242	306	129	\$1,112,319
Iglesia Hispana, Sulphur	45	27	4	4	38	48	38	\$42,341
Indian Village, Kinder	130	30	0		25	15	15	
Iowa First	70	70	2	5	70	49	50	
Jennings First	1,208	575	16	14	170	299	219	\$829,847
Johnson Bayou, Cameron								
Journey Church, DeQuincy								
Kinder First	5	5	0	0	5	5	5	
Lake Arthur First	350	160	4	6	85	30	30	\$54,000
Lake Charles First	500	250	2	0	125	44	18	
Magnolia, Vinton	24	24	0	0	12	0	6	
Maplewood First, Sulphur	3,547	1,381	27	17	260	102	119	\$1,240,639
Memorial, LC								

Messiah Missionary, LC								
Moss Bluff First	2,447	2,422	71	32	1,132	2,249	1,029	\$3,965,518
Mount Olive, LC	180	110	9	20	110	24	15	\$216,756
Mount Zion, Sulphur								
Mt Pilgrim Baptist Church, LC	343	10	19	0	170	111	98	
New Hope, DeQuincy	1,081	350	1	2	130	144	90	\$507,442
New Shiloh, LC	104	50	7	0	50	0	0	
Northside, DeQuincy								
Olivet, Sulphur	469	84	0	7	50	54	29	\$207,107
Open Gate Western Heritage	275	130	9	0	35	0	0	
Parkview, Sulphur	310	75	2	5	35	27	450	\$1,639,378
Pine Grove, DeQuincy	112	74	0	6	40	35	35	
Roanoke, Roanoke	107	45	2	3	37	24	25	\$91,594
Sale Street, LC								
Starks First	250	150	2	2	55	35	35	\$184,923
Sulphur Community, Sulphur	115	115	1	28	170	39	35	\$158,199
Tom Hebert Road, LC	169	137	3	4	45	0	0	\$175,838
Topsy, LC								
Trinity, LC	5,525	4,775	172	18	1,414	2,408	821	\$7,708,011
Trinity, Sulphur	217	50	1	2	52	33	32	\$148,958
Unity, LC								
University, LC	66	56	4	2	51	70	70	\$170,028
Vinton First	460	353	0	3	35	0	0	\$125,908
Welsh First	225	153	4	6	110	86	51	\$147,153
Westlake First	232	232	27	0	123	279	103	\$472,554
Westside, LC	100	90	1	1	55	0	0	
Westwood, Westlake	141	123	0	0	30	0	0	\$127,511
Woodlawn, Iowa	234	98	1	4	40	16	16	\$111,661
Carey Association	25,701	17,024	520	261	6,376	7,502	4,198	\$23,489,674